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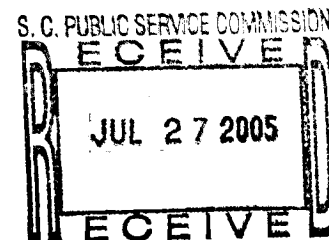


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July 27, 2005

VIA HAND-DELIVERY:

Charles L.A. Terreni, Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210



Re: Navigator Telecommunications, LLC
SGSL No.: 5824/1500

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Please find enclosed a proposed order in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to our Application and to the Commission's Notice, there have been no interveners in this matter. Therefore, I am enclosing a proposed order for the Commission's consideration. Navigator respectfully requests the Commission issue a final order in this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Tyson, Jr." followed by a stylized flourish.
Robert E. Tyson, Jr.

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BEFORE THE
SOUTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 1999-176-C

IN RE: APPLICATION OF NAVIGATOR)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR)	ORDER GRANTING
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)	FLEXIBLE REGULATION
EXCHANGE SERVICES)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on Application of Navigator Telecommunications, LLC (Navigator) for approval of flexible regulation of its local services. A review of the record reveals that Navigator was granted authority by the Commission to provide local exchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina by Commission Order No. 1999-572.

Upon the Commission's receipt of Navigator's Application for flexible regulation of the Company's local exchange services, the matter was published in the Commission's subscription service. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. We will therefore proceed to dispose of the matter summarily.

By its Application, Navigator requests that the Commission regulate its local telecommunications services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation by Commission Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C.¹ Further, Navigator requests that the Commission adopt a competitive rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with flexibility for Navigator to adjust its rates below the maximum rate levels in keeping with the procedures established for flexible regulation in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C.

¹ By Order No. 98-165 issued March 5, 1998, in Docket No. 97-467-C, the principles and procedures for flexible regulation were established and first granted to NewSouth Communications, LLC.

Navigator specifically requests that its local exchange tariff filings be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such tariff filings would be suspended pending further order of the Commission. Navigator requests that any tariff filings be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated carriers.

Flexible regulation of local exchange services has been approved frequently by this Commission to promote competition in the telecommunications industry in South Carolina. We find that flexible regulation will continue to promote competition in the telecommunications industry in South Carolina. Accordingly, we approve Navigator's request for flexible regulation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Navigator's local telecommunications services shall be regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation first granted to NewSouth Communications by Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Specifically, the Commission adopts for Navigator's competitive intrastate local exchange services a rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels that will have been previously approved by the Commission.

2. That Navigator's local exchange service tariff filings are presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case the tariff filing would be suspended pending further Order of the Commission. Further, any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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